THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. Enquiries about C-DOT technology have been received from Nepal, Kenya, Peru and Algeria. Response to these queries has been deferred till regular commercial production is established in India and relevant contractual and technical aspects for supporting C-DOT technology abroad are finalised.

(b) Yes, Sir. Enquiry has been received from Nepal for examining the feasibility of supplying two rural automatic exchanges for serving two locations near Kathmandu. The technical aspects would have to be examined in consultation with the Nepal Telcommunication Authorities.

Closing of Manmad Sorting Office

2036. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to close down the Manmad sorting office in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of answer to part (a) above.

Late Delivery of Maij in Manmad City

2037. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the people residing around Manmad City are getting their mail very late; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) One combined delivery is issued at 8 A.M. in Manmad sub-post office There is no report of delay to mails.

(b) The Question does not arise.

Central Industrial Projects in UP

2038. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of huge Central industrial projects in Uttar Pradesh involving a total investment of over Rs. 5500 crores have failed to come up on Schedule; and

(b) if so, what are the details of these projects and the reasons for their failure?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Details of Central Public Sector projects costing over Rs. 4400 crores which have not come up on schedule as obtained from the latest Project Implementation Status Report for the period July to September, 1987, prepared by the Ministry of Programme Implementation are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below). Some of the reasons for delay are as under:-

(i) Inaccurate preparation of feasibility/detailed project reports. The basic assumptions relating to processes, raw material, etc. might not have been made in a scientific manner;

(ii) Inaccurate estimation of quantities of work involved. This may be due to the reason that the actual ground and sub-soil conditions may not have been taken into account in a proper manner.